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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMARA

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ITEM NO: WH-3

DATE: 20 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF AIR SERVICE BETWEEN TAIWAN AND JAPAN;
CLOSING OF TAIWAN AIRSPACE TO JAPANESE AIRCRAFT

REF: FBIS TAIPEI, 20 APRIL 74, UNCLAS

FBIS TOKYO, 20 APRIL 74, UNCLAS

TAIPEI HAS REACTED TO THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT BY ORDERING TAIWAN'S CHINA AIRLINES AND JAPAN AIRLINES TO CEASE OPERATIONS ON THE JAPAN-TAIWAN ROUTE BY 4:30 PM ON APRIL 21. THE NATIONALISTS ALSO ANNOUNCED THE CLOSING OF TAIWAN'S AIRSPACE, SPECIFICALLY ITS FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION AND AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONES, TO ALL JAPANESE AIRCRAFT. THE NATIONALIST AIR FORCE EARLIER RECEIVED ORDERS TO BE PREPARED TO INTERCEPT INTRUDING JAPANESE AIRCRAFT. THE DECISION TO INTERCEPT WILL BE MADE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT, BUT TAIPEI ASSURES THAT THE JAPANESE WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO TEST

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THE CLOSURE.

TOKYO HAS NOT YET REACTED TO THE NATIONALISTS' ACTION. BUT THE SITUATION SEEMS CERTAIN TO TOUCH OFF AN ACRIPIOUS OUTCRY BY THE RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS WITHIN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY DIRECTED AT FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA. OHIRA'S SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TOKYO NO LONGER RECOGNIZES THE NATIONALIST FLAG AND AIRLINE AS REPRESENTING A STATE. THIS STATEMENT WAS ANTICIPATED AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT OHIRA WAS CAREFUL TO STRESS TOKYO'S CONTINUED DESIRE FOR "INTERFLOW" WITH TAIPEI ON A "STABLE BASIS," THUS LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN TO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NATIONALISTS. FOR THE PRESENT, THE JAPANESE WILL AVOID ANY STEPS WHICH WOULD EXACERBATE THE SITUATION WITH THE NATIONALISTS WHILE CONCENTRATING ON CALMING THE STORM WITHIN THE LDP. E-2 IMPDET.

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